

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle States rising barometer, diminishing west to north winds, colder and generally clear weather, succeeded by falling barometer and winds shifting to southerly or easterly.

**LADIES' UNION RELIEF.**—The Union Relief of this city has been actively at work among the poor for five weeks, and, until now, has been able to meet all demands upon its resources, having had a little over one hundred dollars in the treasury from the moonlight excursion last August, besides subscriptions and donations sent in since the reorganization of the Society, and supplies for the pauper from the "pound" and the "poorhouse." This week's expenses, however, will exhaust both provisions and money, and we appeal to our citizens with no abatement of confidence in their willingness to furnish us means to meet the pressing want and destitution of our poor. The unusual severity of the winter will make our expenses heavier than heretofore; therefore, while still pledging ourselves to use our very best judgment and discrimination in each applicant's case, we must beg the friends of the Relief to respond liberally to the appeals which we shall make with no greater frequency than is absolutely necessary. Many of our citizens send us generously out of the abundance with which God has prospered them—but we are equally gratified and believe that as abundant a blessing rests upon the smaller donations of those who are in more moderate circumstances. Let us, each one, "count our mercies," and let our charities bear some adequate proportion of gratitude for our comfortable surroundings. Supplies of all kinds, money, food, or half-worn clothing, will be gratefully received, and carefully dispensed by the ladies. "Blessed is the man that considereth the poor; the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble."

By order of the Ladies' Union Relief.

**AN IMPOSITION.**—There is much complaint among the citizens generally as to the distribution of the wood purchased by the Corporation for the use of the poor. Nearly all of it has been obtained by idle negroes, who impose on the Overseers of the Poor with specious tales of poverty and suffering, while they receive work when offered to them. Every day the police station is besieged by a mob of these people, of all ages and conditions, clamoring for wood. Several of them, when talked to by the police, have impudently answered that the wood was bought by the "government" for their benefit, and that the policeman had nothing to do with it. The Overseers of the Poor are paid nothing for their services, and consequently cannot afford to neglect their private business and investigate each case; therefore they have to rely on the statements of the parties themselves. An instance of the trifling character of these negroes was furnished at the station house yesterday, when a gang of them who were waiting for wood were offered a load each provided they would go to work and assist in clearing the ice from the crossings and gutters, but which proposition was unanimously refused.

**U. S. Circuit Court.**—Judges H. J. Bond and R. W. Hughes presiding. Atkins et al. vs. W. D. Burkhardt et al. vs. the Petersburg Railroad Co.; motion for appointment of receiver, argued by Gen. Hundley, of Richmond, for Atkins & Bro.; Judge H. H. Marshall, of Richmond, for Burkhardt; William Sterling, of Baltimore, for Thos. Branch, trustee; J. W. Friend, of Petersburg, for the Board of Trustees; Drury Hinton, for the city of Petersburg; and J. H. Carrington and W. N. Gordon, of Richmond, for the Company, and submitted to the Court.

J. J. Dillon et al. vs. J. S. Fowler, assignee; appeal from U. S. District Court; decision affirmed by Judge Bond.

No business was done in the District Court.

Both Courts adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

**M. E. CHURCH.**—The interest in the special services continues to increase. Yesterday afternoon addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. J. Porter, P. E.; Peyton Morgan, of Laurel, and the pastor. At night the sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Morgan. He selected for his text John iii, 16, "For God so loved the world, &c." God's love, man's faith, everlasting life the result of the connection of these were the topics presented. The sermon was original and able, and reflected great credit upon the preacher. Rev. Mr. Porter followed in an earnest address. At the invitation of the pastor three persons went forward for prayers and several others for the same purpose. At the enquiry meeting which was subsequently held many expressed a desire to lead a religious life. The Rev. Richard Norris, of Georgetown, will preach to-night.

**THE SOUP HOUSE.**—The Committee on the Poor of the City Council, after examining several locations, have determined to establish the soup house at the frame building on the southeast corner of King and Columbus streets. The furnaces are being built and the kettles placed in position, and it is expected that the establishment will be in operation by to-morrow or next day. Mr. Geo. W. Clifford has been appointed by the committee to take charge of the soup house, and will be there at to-day to receive any donations of meat, vegetables or money which the charitable disposed people of the city may make. It is confidently expected that the citizens will come forward as of yore to the assistance and support of the poor.

**CORPORATION COURT.**—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—Continuation of Yesterday's Proceedings.—Lee, Tweedy & Co. vs. H. B. Holmes, suggestion vs. D. R. Brashear; jury, and verdict for defendant; motion for new trial, in re Beulah Baptist Church; case adjourned until to-day.

**To-day.**—Mines vs. Lee; in chancery; decrees directing commissioner of sale to lend funds.

The usual allowances to jurors and officers of the court were made.

The court has been engaged during most of the day in the trial of the petition for a renewal of one of the trustees of Beulah Baptist Church. The petition was denied.

**SINKING FUND.**—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund met at the Auditor's office, last night, four members being present.

Messrs. Johnson and Janney were appointed a committee to have the water closets in the Market Building altered in accordance with the permission granted by the City Council.

On motion, the janitor was directed to close the Market Building at 10 o'clock each night, except when occupied by the City Council.

In order that this order might not interfere with Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons they were authorized to procure a key to the Cameron street door, and were requested to use that door.

The meeting then adjourned.

**SEVERAL VIEWS.**—A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county was held at the county court house, in this city, to-day, all the members of the board being present.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered to be paid: B. Wheatley, \$15; W. Greer, \$2.50; Thornton Hyatt, \$2.10; Harlow Bros., \$1.50; J. Tacey, \$19.25; G. H. Mortimore, \$17.77; Randolph Birch, \$5; Samuel Birch, \$1.50; James Marney, \$5; N. S. Wright, \$5.50.

A special road law for Alexandria county was read and approved.

**THE STREET LAMPS.**—Among the troubles complained of by the people during the bad weather, not the least, by any means, is the imperfect lighting of the streets. The Superintendent of Gas says that the trouble is caused by the pipes leading to the lamps having been frozen. He is using alcohol to thaw them out, but the process is a slow one, occupying three or four days, and in the meantime the people will have to possess their souls in patience.

**THE WEATHER.**—The weather last night was much colder and the thermometer rapidly fell to the freezing point. To-day the temperature has continued low and there has been very little thawing, except in particularly warm spots on the sunny sides of the streets. The sudden thaw of Saturday and Sunday has been just as suddenly checked, and perhaps fortunately, as the danger of a freshet and much damage to property was imminent.

**OVERBOARD.**—A tramp, who, after begging all he could eat and getting all the whiskey he could drink, had wandered out to the end of the King street wharf, yesterday evening, ventured too far and broke through the ice into the river. He was rescued by the bystanders and carried to the station house.

**CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.**—The following gentlemen were elected to-day to serve as directors of the Citizens' National Bank for the ensuing year: John B. Smoot, John B. Dainierfeld, Beaman Wheat, Robert M. Lawson and P. B. Hoce.

**Local Briefs.**

The postoffice at El Dorado, Culpeper county, Va., on the route from Culpeper to Rock Mills, has been re-established, with James L. Grove as postmaster. A new postoffice has been established at Galveston, Pittsylvania county, Va., on the route from Lynchburg to Danville, with A. H. Tardy as postmaster.

Mr. John H. Ball, who served with and under the late Charles Koonce, cabinet maker, and whose guardian was the late Judge Thompson R. Mason, of this city, is now residing at Rockford, Winnebago county, Ill.

There are about 50 loaded boats frozen up on the canal and about 200 empty ones frozen away from home. There are 516 boats on the canal. They made only an average of 11 trips each last season.

The performance of Haverly's New Orleans Minstrels, at Sappenta Hall, last night, was largely attended. The entertainment was very good, and all present seemed to enjoy themselves.

The City Council holds its regular meeting to-night.

Look out for cold weather and don't catch cold, but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of your situation as well as Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup.

Janney & Co's. Chills Liniment will be in great demand again this winter. It gives instant relief, works like a charm, and is equal in its way to Wells' Eucalypti for the tooth.

Over indulgence in eating and drinking, whereby the liver is disorganized and the system deranged. The suffering resulting from dyspepsia is very terrible, and the sooner the patient can get relief the better. There is no remedy so effectual for the cure of this disease as Simmons' Liver Regulator.

D. B. Dotson, M. D., of Deer Park, Ala., says "I have used the Regulator for eight months, and it has cured me entirely of dyspepsia. It is the best medicine I ever used for that disease, or rather, it is the only one that has proved satisfactory."

## COMMERCIAL.

## Prices of Produce in Alexandria.

FLOUR, Fine	\$4.50	4 75
Superfine	5.00	5 75
Extra	6.25	6 75
Family	7.25	7 75
Family brands	8.00	8 25
WHEAT, common to fair	1.00	1 25
Good to prime	1.25	1 40
Choice	1.40	1 55
COAL, soft	3.50	4 00
Mixed	0.54	0 56
Yellow	0.54	0 56
RYE	0.05	0 70
OATS	0.35	0 40
TURKEYS	0.11	0 13
BUTTER, prime	0.12	0 15
Common to medium	0.08	0 10
EGGS	0.25	0 30
IRISH POTATOES	1.25	1 50
ONIONS	0.75	1 00
DRIED CHERRIES, per lb.	0.12	0 15
GREEN APPLES	0.40	0 45
GREEN PEPPERS	2.00	2 50
VEAL CALVES	4.00	4 50
DRESSED HOGS	5.00	5 50
BACON, hams, country	0.12	0 15
Best sugar cured Hams	0.15	0 16
Butcher's Hams	0.14	0 15
Western	0.12	0 13
Sides	0.08	0 09
Shoulders	0.08	0 09
LARD	0.13	0 14
CLOVER SEED	2.25	2 50
Timothy	0.00	0 00
PLASTER, ground, per ton	5.00	5 00
Ground, in bags or blis.	7.00	7 00
Ground, in bags, red	6.00	6 00
Lump	3.25	3 50
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool)	1.10	1 20
Fine	1.75	1 90
Turkey Island	0.30	0 40
WOOL, long unwashed	0.25	0 26
Washed	0.22	0 23
Merino, unwashed	0.22	0 23
Do. washed	0.30	0 32
SUMAC	1.25	1 50
HAY	15.00	15 00

Receipts of Wheat are light and the quality poor; the only sale noted to-day was at 145. Corn is advancing, and 900 bushels sold at 55c; 67; extra low would bring 55c. No Rye or Oats reported. Small lots of Corn Meal and Buckwheat sold for 55 and 100 per bushel respectively. Country produce is in fair demand at good prices.

[By Telegraph.]

New York, Jan. 9.—Stocks dull and lower. Money 104. Gold 105. Government securities, unsettled and lower. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn quiet and unchanged.

Baltimore, Jan. 9.—Virginia 65, deferred, 64; Virginia, consolidated, 66; do. 24 series 364; Cotton firm; middling 13. Flour scarce and firm, with an upward tendency. Wheat firm and quiet, business restricted by limited supplies. No. 2 Western winter red 143; No. 2 Chicago Spring 135; 138; Penna. red 150; 153; Maryland red prime 160; do. amber 162; do. white 150; 160; Corn—Southern scarce and firm; Western fairly active and firm; new Southern white 55; 58; do. yellow 58; 60; Western mixed old spot 58; new spot and Jan 63; February 63; March 60; 63. Oats steady; Southern prime 40; 41; Western white 37; 38; do. mixed 35; 36. Rye steady, firm and quiet at 72; 73. Clover Seed steady and firm at 14; 15; 16. Hay dull, steady and unchanged. Sugar active and firm at 11c. Coffee strong; Rio cargoes 17; 18; jobbing 18; 19.

Attention, Jan. 9.—The 1021 annual meeting of the Sun Fire Company will be held on Wednesday evening, January 10th, at eight o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as there will be an election of officers to serve for the ensuing year.

Notice.—The seventh annual meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co. will be held on Wednesday, January 10, at 7 o'clock p. m. An election of officers to serve for the ensuing year will be held and other important business transacted.

NEURALGIA. NEURALGIA. Just received another supply of MILLER'S NEURALGIA PILLS. A cure for headache, neuralgia, &c. Also, Beaman's Pills of Celery and Chamomile, for Nervous Headaches, &c.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatches to the Gazette.

**From Washington.**

WASHINGTON, January 9, 1877.—The chief topic of conversation to-day was, of course, been the expression of sentiment on the part of the people, through their representatives, assembled in conventions in several of the States, as to the course to be pursued in reference to the Presidential controversy.

The voice of the people is unmistakable and it must be heeded, or they may compel a compliance with their just demand for fairness and justice. The opinion here is that, in the West particularly, the people are in advance of the politicians and mean business.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was on the floor of the House to-day, and was cordially received by a great many of the members and others.

There is much excitement on the floor of the House and in other parts of the city consequent upon the reports in circulation of a disturbance in New Orleans, but the reports are not credited by the best informed.

The assembling here on the 14th of February of one hundred thousand men from the West, it is thought, will have a most potent effect upon the proper counting of the electoral vote.

It is considered, to-day, not at all improbable, that the Florida Investigating Committee will make a unanimous report, which will go far towards settling the Presidential contest. There is but one of the radical holding out, and, it is said, that the facts of fraud are so glaring that he will "give in," and that the report will give the electoral vote to Tilden, thus making his election sure and without further trouble.

**Congress.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In the Senate, to-day, the morning hour was occupied in the consideration of the resolution of Mr. Morton directing the Sergeant at-Arms to take into custody Enos Runyon, a New York banker, who is a recalcitrant witness before that committee in relation to certain drafts which passed between Oregon and New York city. The resolution was agreed to.

The Senate then took up the Louisiana election resolutions, and Mr. Sherman spoke at length in defence of the action of the Louisiana returning board.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Goode introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Wm. Ward, of Norfolk, Va.

Gen. Hunt introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Richard Windsor—to reimburse them for property bought at confiscation sale and subsequently recovered at law by Mr. McVeigh, of Alexandria.

A note was read from Mr. Morrison, enclosing a long communication from Mr. Orton, attempting to vindicate his action in reference to the New Orleans telegrams, and asserting that he had no control over the said dispatches.

Gen. Hunt moved that the Speaker of the House be authorized to issue a writ for the arrest and production of Orton before the House to answer for a contempt in refusing to obey a subpoena issued by Mr. Morrison at New Orleans for the production of certain telegrams.

After some cavilling on the part of Messrs. Garfield and Kasson which was promptly met by Gen. Hunt the resolution was adopted by a vote of ayes 153 to noes 33.

The Chair also laid before the House another note from Mr. Morrison enclosing a communication from the Louisiana returning board in reference to their refusal to answer to subpoenas issued by Mr. Morrison in New Orleans for their appearance before the Congressional Committee and to produce the original returns of the late election.

On motion of Gen. Hunt, the communication was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A communication from the President enclosing a letter from the Secretary of State in reference to the Venezuelan affair was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Corporation Court in the case of Smyth vs. Chinn, and in all public auction, on SATURDAY, January 20, 1877, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the store next door to Adams Express Company, the following articles, viz:

About 600 Grain Sacks.  
20 bbls Damaged Flour.  
2 Old Cheeses.  
A lot of Lumber, &c.

By R. T. LUCAS, Sergeant Alexandria City.

**BULL'S COUGH SYRUP.** Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Roche's German Syrup, Green's August Flower, Stoddard's Olive Tar and Forest's Juniper Tar, received this day at

W. F. CROUGHTON'S, 80 King street.

**CAMPBELL'S ICK WITH GLYCERINE**, a pleasant and effective remedy for chapped hands and lips, and removes sunburn, tan, &c., just received and for sale by

W. F. CROUGHTON & HALL, Jan 10

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## FOR SALE OR RENT.

**FOR RENT.**—The centrally located three-story BRICK DWELLING, on Duke st., one door west from Fairfax road. Apply to Dr. F. J. MURPHY.

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**—The PLEASANT RESIDENCE HOUSE No. 40 each Washington street, will be sold on very easy terms, or rented. Possession given December 1st next. An arrangement can be made to give possession at any time after Nov. 10th next. Apply to Messrs Green & Wise, Alexandria, oct 18-19

**CITY HOTEL FOR RENT.**—This property is situated at the S. W. cor. of Royal and Cameron streets, in Alexandria, Va., fronting the City Hall and Market buildings. Possession given on the first day of January next. Apply to Wm. H. IRWIN, No. 182 Prince st., Alexandria, Va. oct 4-19

**NO. 42 S. WASHINGTON ST. FOR RENT.** Possession given October 1st, 1877. Apply to GEO. UHLER. sep 15-19

## COPARTNERSHIPS.

## NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.

Mr. FRANK S. HARPER has this day purchased a half interest in my business, which will be conducted hereafter under the firm name of A. J. FLEMING & CO. I thank my customers and the public generally for their past patronage, and apply to Wm. H. IRWIN, No. 182 Prince st., Alexandria, Va. oct 4-19

**HAVING THIS DAY ASSOCIATED WITH ME MY BROTHER,** J. THOMAS LINDSEY, in the GROCERY and SHIP CHANDLERY TRADE, the name of the concern will be conducted as heretofore, under the firm and style of N. LINDSEY & CO. Jan 1-19 NOBLE LINDSEY.

## BUILDING MATERIAL.

**JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,** Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Hardware, Cutlery, Horse Shoes

Iron, Plough Castings, Nail Rods, Axle Grease, Wagon Materials, House-ware, &c. &c. &c.

NO. 88 KING STREET, CORNER ROYAL st. Alexandria, Virginia.

B. F. PEAKE, JOHN W. PEAKE, B. W. SALLIS.

B. F. PEAKE & CO., (Successors to Jas. W. Nalls, Son & Co.) DEALERS IN

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, PAINTS, HARDWARE, LEADS, OILS, CEMENT, CALCINED PLASTER, &c., &c.

No. 187 King street, Alexandria, Virginia. feb 2-19

## COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

**PHILIP B. HOGE,** NO. 2 PRINCE STREET, GENERAL COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANTS. Dealer in all kinds of FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER. Agent of the LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY. feb 6-19

J. C. & E. MILBURN, Wholesale and Retail GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS. No. 19 N. Royal st., cor. Market Space, Alexandria, Virginia. Orders and consignments solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. feb 2-19

R. E. LAWSON & CO., [Successors to R. M. Lawson.] GROCERS AND LIQUOR MERCHANTS, No. 67 Cameron street, ALEXANDRIA, VA. aug 3

**THOMAS PERRY,** GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT AND AGENT FOR THE SALE OF FERTILIZERS, No. 17 King street, ALEXANDRIA, VA. aug 16-19

GEO. WASHINGTON, R. J. WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON & BROTHER, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, NO. 20 UNION STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. aug 16-19

Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special attention given to all business entrusted to them. Prompt returns made. ap 24

**W. A. SMOOT,** DEALER IN COAL, SALT AND PLASTER, SMOOT'S WHARF, (Foot "Princess st.") Alexandria, Virginia. feb 21-19

J. BROTHERS & CO., J. LARSON, No. 11 King street, Alexandria, Va. feb 21-19

**GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS** Wholesale Dealers in GROCERIES, LIQUORS, PROVISIONS, SALT LASH, and PRODUCE.

Also keep on hand a general assortment of Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oil, Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores. All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.

XXX Ale and Porter always on hand. Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation line. mh 10-19

**JOHN H. PARROTT,** NO. 37 KING STREET, (Above Lee street.) ALEXANDRIA, VA. DEALER IN

**BLANK BOOKS** Writing and Wrapping Paper, Envelopes, Inks, Mullage, Slates and Slate Pencils, Lead Pencils, Rubber Bands and Erasing Rubber, in short Stationery generally, and Sheet Music.

Also Paper Bags, Box Sacks, Shipping Tags, &c., &c. Jan 1, 1877.

N. B.—"Rather far down town," some say; but still I am six miles this side of Washington city. "Nuf sed." jan 1

**FALL STYLES, 1876.** JULIAN F. YOUNG, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in all the New and "Nobby" styles of Fine, Soot, Semi and Stiff Fur and Wool.

**HATS & CAPS** AND Ladies' and Gents' Fur Goods. NO. 80 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. sep 12

**ALEXANDRIA STRING AND BRASS BAND** Will furnish good Music for Balls, Parties, &c., at very moderate rates.

M. ULLMAN, Manager. P. S.—Louis Marcs having been expelled from the Alexandria String Band, all orders for Music should be left with N. B. Modley, Gunsmith, King street. jan 4-19

**MOORE BLACK & HEAVY FOR CLOAKS**, at \$2.50. We have sold a number of pieces of this. It is very desirable goods for the money. H. C. SLAYMAKER CO. nov 9

**NEW ORLEANS**, Demerara and Porto Rico Molasses and Golden Syrup for sale low by dec 29 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

## AUCTION SALES.

**By Green & Wise,** (Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.)

**BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST** executed by T. L. Sanborn and Julia W. Sanborn, his wife, to secure the payment of a certain note described in said deed, which deed is dated May 17, 1874, and of record in the land records of Alexandria county, in Liber A, No. 4, to wit: The undersigned, trustee, will sell by public auction, in front of the Mansion House, on Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on SATURDAY, the 10th day of December, 1876, at 12 o'clock a. m., that TRACT OF LAND, in Alexandria county, Va., known as "WARWICK," and referred to in said deed, containing 97 acres, 1 rood and 35 poles, subject to the reservation to the A. & H. K. R. Co., named in the said deed.